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## RECLAMATION AND REFORESTATION TRANSFORM UNPRODUCTIVE LAND

RECLAMATION IN CROATIA PROGRESSES -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 265, 11 Nov 49

At the end of the Fiv. -Year Plan 103,000 hectares of new arable soil will be made available in Croatia through reclamation, and the exploitation of 22,000 hectures of land already available will be increased. On the large Lonjsko Polje 100,000 hectares of land have had to be protected from floods. To date, 134 percent of the plan for drainage of this plain has been completed.

On the Jelas Polje 600 hectares of rice fields were prepared this spring.

On the Crnac Polje 16,000 hectares of arable soil were made available for cultivation in 1950.

On the Sinjsko Polje a 14.5-kilometer dam has been built which this year will protect about 2,500 hectares of land from floods. For complete reclamation of Sinjsko Polje another dam on the left bank of the Cetina River would have to be built.

On the Morlacko Polje 700 hectares of land have been protected from floods. About 9,500 hectares of arable soil will be made available along the Danube:

SWAMP TRANSFORMED INTO PRODUCTIVE SOIL -- Borba, No 202, 27 Nov 49

The "Mladost" Farm, which has 1,200 hectares of arable soil, was still a swamp in 1947. It begins near Obrenovac, runs along the Sava River, and ends at Skeljanski Adom. Chiefly grain and vegetables are grown there. Because of inadequate facilities, livestock breeding is not developing rapidly in that region.

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TO COVER IBAR VALLEY WITH FORESTS -- Rad, No 280, 23 Nov 49

The stimulations of the Five-Year Plan for covering the Ibar Velley with forests will be complied with within 3 years. Over 7,000 hectares of land will be covered with forests, and on 3,000 hectares protective measures will be undertaken. The first tasks for covering the area with forests will be accomplished in 1949.

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